

THAKEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



'Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements'

29th September 2020



Super Learning Hero Awards

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 14th September 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 21st September 2019:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Bertie (Oak)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Edie (Acorn)
Evelyn (Oak)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn
Evelyn (Maple)

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Jacob (Elder)
Oliver (Elder)
Charlie (Elder)

Hall of Fame
Callum (Elder)

Congratulations go to the following children for their awards week commencing 21st September 2020, awarded in Celebration assembly on 28th September 2020:

Positive, Persevering

Poppy
Olivia Hook (Acorn)
Kevin (Maple)

Co-operative, Caring

Craig
Tilly (Elder)

Curious, Questioning

Quinn

Reflective, Reviewing

Ruby
Alannah (Oak)

Hall of Fame
Mabel (Elder)

Message from Mrs Norton

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumnal Weather

We seem to have moved swiftly on from summer, so a plea to ensure your child comes to school with a coat. With the requirement of the DfE to keep rooms well ventilated, it may be helpful for your child to wear a layer underneath their uniform when the weather turns colder as we will still need to keep windows open. The heating is also now on in school.

Children's bags/belongings etc

We ask for your support in ensuring that children come to school at their drop off time, fully prepared with all their belongings. Whilst we appreciate things do get forgotten from time to time, our school Secretaries are finding they are making 10+ visits of a morning to the main door to collect forgotten items and then deliver them to the class bubble. We are mindful of keeping staff as safe as possible and limiting the number of opportunities for the spread of Covid-19 and appreciate your help with this.

Covid-19 Protocols and Risk Assessment

The children continue to adapt well to the 'new norm' and we are very proud with how well they have adjusted. We continue to review our arrangements on a daily basis to try to ensure school is as safe as possible whilst also running effectively. The latest changes to our risk assessment include:

- the re-opening of the trim trail for Acorn children during lesson times (hands to be washed before/after) and for Oak children during break/lunch, again hands washed/sanitised before/after lunch. Supervision continues as usual for this apparatus.
- Equipment made available at break/lunch for Acorn children to support effective play.

We are also trialing KS2 pupils using the toilets during break/lunch by using an adapted version of our quoit system to maintain use of these within class bubbles. Early indications show this is working well. We may also trial this next week with Oak class.

We are very grateful to the vast majority of parents for following our protocols. These are in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Again we continue to review and refine our protocols and respond to local/national developments. We have appreciated parents queuing up at the correct time in the correct places. Despite this and increasing the waiting area on the playground, we continue to be mindful of the number of adults that are passing along the narrow pathways, the location of the car park in close proximity to the playground and the restrictions with regard to only having 1 gate on to the playground. These are

limitations that we must work around. In our bid to protect the health and safety of all those on site during the busy drop/pick up times, governors and staff have agreed to implement an additional control measure. **From Wednesday 30th September drop off, everyone using the site aged 11 or older, will be required to wear a face covering during these busy drop/collection times.** If there is a medical reason as to why this may not be possible for you, please let me know to avoid any misunderstanding. Please ensure this key update is passed on to anyone dropping off/collecting your child. Staff will also be required to wear a face covering too at these times and if engaging in any conversation with you.

Alongside this additional measure we ask that you continue to maintain social distancing on and around the school site.

A reminder that Maple and Oak parents are required to enter the playground at their allocated times at pick up. This is to relieve pressure on the busy paths leading to/from the school, especially as the staggered collections are in close proximity to each other. Even before Covid-19 it was a requirement that parents collect their child from the playground, so this should not be a new factor.

Parking

The drop off area is for Year 5/6 pupils only. No other year groups should be using this area. If you have children in Yr 5/6 and other year groups, we kindly ask you to use the school car park / SGS car park. There should be NO unattended vehicles in this area. If we notice parents not following the rule repeatedly then we may need to take further action.

Staff have really appreciated the support of all parents during these challenging times.

Assessment & Parent/Teacher Consultations

Most of our learning assessments are now complete. Staff are in the process of analysing these and will share the outcomes at forthcoming Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings which we will be communicating details of shortly. We will be using government 'Catch Up Funding' to support additional sessions which are likely to take place during the afternoons for identified pupils with some sessions being after school for some KS2 pupils. We see this as a short term intervention to 'fill the gaps' identified. This does not affect the usual SEND/Pupil Premium support offer in place, which we are currently planning for the term ahead.

Reception 2021 Places—Parent Help Needed

We are in the process of planning information events for parent enquiries regarding places in Reception for 2021. Open events will take the form of a virtual tour of the school, a follow up Q & A session and for those who may require it, face to face visits in small groups of 4. These will be external visits ie visitors will view the majority of the school but this will be from external doors to classrooms and most of the building. We have taken this difficult decision to try to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The virtual tour will be a recorded video of the school with sections involving different staff, governor and pupil messages. We are very keen to include the view of a couple of parents as part of this who would be happy to share positive feedback to prospective parents about the school. Can you help? Are you available to either be filmed (on the school grounds) saying a few words or are you able to send us in a short video clip (no more than a minute or 2) as a testimonial? We are also in the process of refreshing sections of our website so any written statements are also welcome and appreciated.

Details of access to the virtual tour video and face to face external open event meetings will be published shortly.

Mindfulness Garden

We are delighted that we have been successful in our bid for support from Chichester University to further our Mindfulness Garden development. We will also be using the very kind donation from a local charity, Storrington Social Club. If you feel you can support this work in a practical hands on way (working outside), please let the office know, even if it only for a couple of hours a week. This voluntary role would be subject to the usual DBS checks.

With Best Wishes

Mrs Sam Norton

Headteacher



COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
Visit: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a test online, or call 119 if you don't have internet access

YOU SHOULD BOOK A TEST FOR YOUR CHILD IF THEY HAVE ANY OF:



A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature)



A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)



A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE OR SORE THROAT, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED. THEY AND THE REST OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE (UNLESS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE, OR YOU HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN ADVISED BY NHS TEST AND TRACE).

YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE IF THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH TO DO SO.

WHAT TO DO IF...

<p>YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Book a COVID-19 test ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test results <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return if the test is negative – providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours, and haven't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform nursery/school/college immediately about test result ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return after 10 days of isolation, even if they still have a cough/loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last several weeks.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ The household member should book a COVID-19 test ▶ Whole household begins self-isolation (10 days for a person with symptoms and 14 days for household contacts) ▶ Inform school immediately about test results. <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and your child hasn't been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.</p>	<p>SOMEBODY IN YOUR CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Inform school immediately about test results ▶ Your child and all household/support bubble members should self-isolate as advised by NHS Test and Trace (anyone with symptoms should book a test) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.</p>
<p>CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED YOUR CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Your child should self-isolate for at least 14 days, as advised either by NHS Track and Trace or by Public Health England (via their educational setting) <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend nursery/school/college as normal ▶ If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities 	<p>YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO NURSERY/SCHOOL/COLLEGE ▶ Self-isolate for at least 14 days in line with quarantine advice <p>WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?</p> <p>They can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms.</p>	<p><i>* If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days – even if they have a negative COVID-19 test result.</i></p>

For further information on COVID-19 in educational settings (including a guide for parents and carers) see: www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare

SEPT/OCT 2020

PARENT NEWSLETTER

FROM CHARTWELLS,
WEST SUSSEX

Chartwells
EAT LEARN LIVE



What's new?



**INTRODUCING
THE SUPER
YUMMY
KITCHEN!**

YOU MAY HAVE
SEEN US ON
INSTAGRAM,
FACEBOOK,
YOUTUBE OR
TWITTER.

OUR TEAM OF
NUTRITIONISTS AND CHEFS
HAVE BEEN SHARING KITCHEN
HACKS, FOOD FACTS, RECIPES,
ACTIVITIES AND MORE!

**HERE'S ONE OF OUR FOOD
FACTS, CHECK OUT OUR SOCIALS
FOR MORE!**



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THE SUPER YUMMY KITCHEN



@THESYKITCHEN



THE SUPER
YUMMY KITCHEN

**WANT TO
JOIN US?
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FOR FREE!**

SPECIAL DIETS

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING **SPECIAL
DIET REQUESTS!** IF YOUR CHILD
HAS DIETARY REQUIREMENTS,
COMPLETE A REQUEST FORM
(FROM YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE)
AND GET IN TOUCH!



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GROW

Paint a Pebble

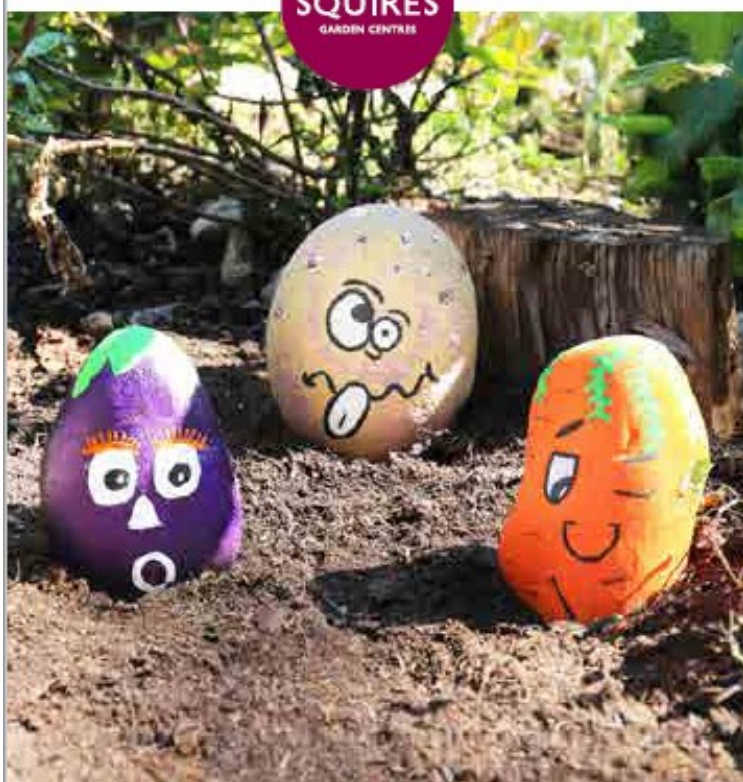
Receive a free pack of seeds

Thu 1 Oct – Sun 8 Nov

Free home craft
& gardening activity

Excludes Chertsey

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GARDEN CENTRES

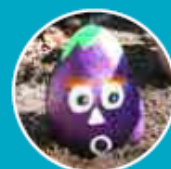


CREATE &
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Turn Pebbles into Seeds

Paint a vegetable inspired pebble

Pick up a free pebble from one of our centres. You are welcome to use your own smooth pebble or rustic stone. Paint your favourite vegetable at home*. Why not give it a little face too!



Receive a free pack of seeds

Once you've painted your pebble, bring it back to us. Visit the information desk to hand in your entry and receive a free pack of seeds in exchange*. Your pebble will take pride of place in our display!



Grow your seeds

Take your seeds home and nurture them well.



Share your growing seeds with us on social media @SquiresGC and use the hashtags #PebblesToSeeds #LoveSquires

Seeds provided by Fothergills and Thompson & Morgan.

*Paint not included.

*Seeds subject to availability. While stocks last.

**Under 16's only. One pebble and pack of seeds per child.

Please varnish your pebble for outside display. Pebbles cannot be returned.

Max. pebble size: 12cm square.

Visit: squiresgardencentres.co.uk